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Freedom Convoy (the NSIA has requested an update)
Protest
The situation remains incredibly fluid, with new information continuing to come in.

All key stakeholders (RCMP, OPP, OPS, PPS, SQ, MRC des Collines, the City of Ottawa, Ville de Gatineau, SPVG) are actively planning and collaborating to ensure public safety:

- The **Parliamentary Protective Service** (PPS) is the planning lead for the **Parliamentary Precinct and the grounds of Parliament Hill**;
- The **Ottawa Police Service** (OPS) is leading the planning for the **National Capital Region**;
- **National Division** is planning in support of the RCMP's **protective mandate** and working to ensure that we provide any specialized support services required.

The National Capital Region Command Centre (NCRCC) will be activated as of 13:00 on January 28th, through to at least January 30th. All key internal and external stakeholders will have a presence to ensure ongoing communication and collaboration. A representative from the US Embassy will also be in the Command Centre given the potential impacts on that diplomatic site.

Key timelines as of right now are as follows:
- January 28: Staging in Arnprior
- January 29 – 11:00: Public speakers scheduled in Confederation Park
- January 29 – 12:00: Converge on Parliament Hill
- January 30 – 11:00: Church service in Confederation Park

OPS has advised that Confederation Park will be used as the home base for some participants. This includes the installation of tents, food vendors (2 trucks) and a BBQ in the Park.

The RCMP has located social media posts indicating some participants may stay around the downtown core until January 31st in hopes to disrupt the House of Common's sitting that day.

We have also located a twitter post suggesting that the convoys may at some point converge near 24 Sussex Drive to continue their protest.

Although the majority of information indicates organizers are planning a peaceful event, many social media posts suggest some participants may attempt to disrupt government buildings and further cause disruptions throughout the city.

There has been an increase in online narratives supportive of the convoy among both ideologically motivated networks, as well as in general public discourse. We are also seeing strong resentment on

multiple social media platforms targeting Prime Minister TRUDEAU, Minister of Transport Omar ALGHABRA and politicians in general.

The convoy is attracting individuals who are not aligned with any specific ideology or group, but who have experienced personal hardships (such as job loss) due to COVID-19 and are upset with provincial or federal government responses as COVID-19 continues to impact daily life.

A post to the event Facebook group asks for known MP's addresses in Ottawa including the Prime Minister's residence and cottage. The posts suggest the convoy should break apart to protest at all these locations.

In addition, Open Source reports suggests truck drivers from the U.S. plan to join the Canadian demonstration with the possible intent to cause further disruption.

Over $5.2M has been raised via GOFUNDME. The funds are being withheld until the event organizer is able to provide the documentation explaining how the funds will be properly distributed.

Estimates on the number of trucks involved have not been reliably confirmed, but range anywhere from 1500 up to over 2500. The OPP is tracking and will be reporting on numbers.

Ministerial Security

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On January 21, 2022, s.37 [redacted] threat package has been elevated to a Level II.

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They are two of nine that we have offered level II to – as previously briefed.

This means, we obtaining their itinerary and when they are in public (making announcement etc.) we will be providing protection.

**see note further regarding Ukraine*

We know that MPs are concerned for their safety amid reporting of demonstrators attending their residences. This is being taken into consideration as part of the planning for deployment of resources.

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Additional details on Security Posture Convoy Ottawa Jan 28-30 2022

- The RCMP's role is to maintain is Protective policing core VIP duties at all times
- Additionally, RCMP National Division have 6 other teams ready to be deployed as needed, and an additional 15 members on standby
- There is currently no fear of there being a lack of policing resources
- The Ottawa Police, and PPS, with support from the OPP have a vehicle screening process for the downtown core, and can support of to 3000 vehicles for inspection.
- It is unknown how many on foot demonstrators will be present at the Hill, there is not a current best guess. **Trucks will park and truckers will be on foot
- An active plan for the demounting of truck trailers has also been established by the POJ
- The 2 lanes surrounding Parliament are controlled at sites on Kent and Banks street, with mobile command centers set up. (POJ and PPS)

***The RCMP is on standby to deploy any additional tactical troop or additional kinetic nature emergency dealings if required.**

For your situational awareness

Ukraine
The RCMP resources deployed on training missions to Ukraine remain in country as of this time.

Discussions are ongoing with other government departments, including on triggers for potential evacuation.

**Minister Anand is to travel to Kyev on January 20th alongside the Chief of Defence and staff.

- Minister Anand **will not** be provided with IPO for her visit to Kyiv. (*that decision is being reviewed*)
- This is the similar stance as Min. Joly's visit last week.
- POCC determined that Kyiv is stable – for now but if this changes then it would be a war zone for which our members are not equipped. We also have a duty of care to our members.

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Incident in D Division
The RCMP has ongoing investigations regarding the discovery of four deceased persons along the Canada/US border. All IBET technology in the area of the scene has been reviewed with negative results. Autopsies are being conducted, and it has been reported in the media that representatives from the Indian consulate are in Winnipeg to assist with identification of the deceased persons.

The RCMP is engaging with CBSA and IRCC as part of investigative efforts.

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